

## COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO

## **NEWS RELEASE**

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## RESIDENTS ADVISED NOT TO GO TO ASSISTANCE CENTERS EARLY Residents Hampering Relief Efforts by Visiting Centers Today

County officials are asking residents to please not visit the Firestorm Recovery Local Assistance Centers (LAC) today.

"This is a complicated and fast-moving operation to bring in all the federal, state, county, business and charity organizations," said Resource Recovery Center Director Chandra Wallar. "We are working to get set up phone and computer hook-ups, office furniture, staffing and volunteers. By going to the centers today - before we open - our efforts will actually be delayed."

The Alpine LAC at Alpine Creek Shopping Center, 1327 Tavern Road, Suite 30, is scheduled to open Saturday Nov. 1 at 8 a.m.

The Ramona LAC at 325 Sixth Street will open at 8 a.m. Sunday, Nov. 2, and the Valley Center LAC, at 28565 Cole Grade Road and will open next week.